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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,196,276 A (NIKSA et al) 23 March 1993 (23.03.1993), column 3, lines 57-63; column 6, line 58 to column 7, line 26; Figure 3.	1,8,11-13
X	US 3,884,724 A (BADGER et al) 20 May 1975 (20.05.1975), abstract; column 2, lines 37-57; column 3, line 61 to column 4, line 47.	1-4,7,8,11-15,17,19,20
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